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THE LEGISLATURE

MORE CONFERENCE COMMITTEES WILL BE NEEDED.

A Debate in the Senate on the Pur chasing of the Bishop Premises for School Purposes

FORTY-EIGHTH DAY, AUGUST STH.

THE SENATE.

President Wilder called the Senate to order at the regular hour and the usual preliminaries were had.

Minister King reported that the president had approved the joint resolutions on general registration and the payment of the Labor Commissioners.

Senator Lyman from the Committee on Public Lands and Internal Improvements reported adversely on the two acts appropriating \$32,000 for the purchase of the Bishop premises on Emma street. The committee report that from information obtained from official quarters the present school houses are unable to accommodate demands on school space, room for 500 more children being required than can now attend. That there are are no facilities for educating children in primary studies, and that accommodations are needed for several hundred of these. The School Board has asked at this session for \$26,000 for school houses and repairs and have been voted \$13,600 for immediate use. The committee further say that but slight expenditure would be needed on the Bishop premises, but that the expense of keeping up such an elaborate building and extensive grounds would be an important and constantly increasing item of expense. The com-mittee think that the location is by business houses. They recommend finally that a plan be c nsidered involving an entirely new and cheaper building on a differ-ent site to be selected from land owned by the government, so that local mechanics and business firms may reap some benefit from the money expended.

The report was accepted to be considered with the bill.

The three repealing acts presented by Minister Hatch which passed the second reading yesterday were taken up on the third reading and passed unanimously.

The House amendment to the Tramways Company bill shortening the time in which electricity can be used to September 1st, 1896, was taken up and on motion the Senate refused to concur, and a conference was asked for.

The request of the House for a conference on the alcohol bill was granted and the standing committee on commerce was appointed to act on behalf of the Senate.

Bills 18 and 19, appropriating \$32,000 for the purchase of the Bishop premises, were then taken up, on a motion to adopt the report of the Committee, a synopsis of whose report appears above.

Minister Damon in opposition to the report of the committee said that the education of the rising generation was the most important matter new confronting the people of Hawaii. In a few years the children now attending school would become voters under the present republican form of government, and upon what impressions they receiv d at school

of the islands. The present school have to largely determine future local issues. The question of edneution was most important taken in conjunction with the annexation proposition, for the very first in quiries of the United States Senate would be directed to our educational system and facilities. If we failed in annexation, then it behooved the independent Republic of Hawaii more than ever to institute a permanent and perfect school system, and the work should be commenced at once so as to be in readiness for either contingency. With regard to the matter immediately before the Senate he desired to state that | chance. it was originally designed to simply lease the premises, but owing to the liberal offer made by the Bishop Trustees the plan was changed. He wished it distinctly understood that Mr. Bishop had no personal interest in the premises other than as one of the trustees of the estate. The speaker thought the property was virtually a gift at \$30,000. It contained four and a quarter acres in the heart of the city and is a most advantageous locality. It was equidistant from all the outlying districts and convenient to the street car and proposed cable lines. He did not believe that business houses would reach the property for years to come. Whether the necessity for a high school existed now or not was a question for the School Board to determine. He himself was in favor of using the lower part of the building for preparatory or primary grades and the upper story for the nucleus of a high school. He did not believe in starting off with a full-fledged high school under present conditions but thought a start should be made and that it should be enlarged and improved as future requirements should make necessary. He maintained that the purchase of the premises would relieve the present pressure on all the schools in the city. The lower floor would accommodate too close to the business part of those of school age who at present the town and say that in a short were debarred from attending time the site will be surrounded school for want of room, while were debarred from attending the drafting of the best scholars of all the schools into the high school would relieve the overcrowding now existing there. With regard to the financial proposition the Bishop premises were most advantageous. To build elsewhere would take money directly from the treasury at a time when it could illy be spared. The Bishop purchase did not take a cent except the annual interest of 6 per cent on the bonds. would state also that now that the state of the Hawaiian treasury was made known people were investing more and more freely in

> Senator McCandless said he had looked into the matter of grounds and had found that the old recreation grounds belonging to the government would be just the place for a high school. The Bishop place was good enough for a residence and cheap enough at the price for that purpose, but in his opinion unsuited for a high school, more especially when the two new contemplated streets on either side of the property were put through and it would cost about \$2000 a year to keep the place in order. That money would pay the interest on a brick or stone high school building costthe interests of the majority of the school children should be looked to before those of the few who would attend the high school and to whom similar advantages were now open in other institu-

boys were the ones who would and leave the government free to expend the money which would otherwise have to be used here on schools for the other islands where overcrowding existed everywhere.

Mr Hatch argued in favor of the Bishop location and of the pas-sage of the bills.

Senator Waterhouse was surprised that the committee after reciting the facts it had obtained should have reached the conclusion it had. He thought it was a good investment for the government, even if they sold the premises ten years later. Any real estate man would jump at such a

Senator Lyman said the committee had not considered the price the of premises. admitted They but thought that the interests of the school children would be better subserved by erecting more suitable buildings elsewhere.

Senator Rice said he would call attention to the report which stated there are actually 500 children in Honolulu who are without any educational facilities whatever. The present state of affairs could be remedied by taking the Bishop place, which could be put in readiness for school purposes by September 1st. While Senator McCandless' project was a good one, he thought that many of the present school children would be gray-headed before it was consummated.

The motion to adopt the report was lost by the following vote:

Ayes - Horner, McCandless, Northrop, Wright, Notley-5.
Noes-Kauhane, Rice, Wilcox,
Lyman, Schmidt, Hocking and

Waterhouse—7.
The bills then passed the

second reading.

Minister Hatch presented a bill from the Star office of \$47.85 for printing the military bill which was referred to the Committee on Accounts.

The president announced the following appointments:

On the Joint Resolution to investigate the liquor traffic-Sen-

ators Waterhouse and Lyman. On the Great Seal and seals fo

the departments - Senators Mc-Candless and Schmidt. Cu the registration of male

citizens-Senators Brown, Baldwin and Wilcox.

At 11:25 the Senate adjourned.

THE REPRESENTATIVES.

Minister King and Damon were in attendance when the House opened at 10 a.m.

Minister King announced that the President had signed the joint resolutions for a commission on the registration of male residents and appropriating \$1000 for expenses of the Labor Commission.

Rep. Robertson presented a report from the Judiciary Com-mittee on the bill relating to the giving of bonds in appeal cases It recommended certain amendments. It was signed by himself alone as yet, the other members of committee being absent. Laid on table to be considered with the bill.

Minister King read the follow-ing answers to Rep. Robertson's questions regarding Chinese build-

"I have the honor to acknowledge receipt, under date of the 7th inst., of three questions relative to a building now in course ing \$50,000 or more. He thought of erection at Leleo, to be called a Chinese theater, and would respectfully reply as follows:

"1st. The Superintendent of Public Works approved the specifications for the building in question July 29 ult.

"2nd. I received at 4:30 p.m. Mr. Damon said the passage of on the 7th inst., and after the would largely depend the future these bills would relieve all the receipt of these questions, a peti- served.

present necessities of Honolulu tion (not dated) from residents, stating that it is their belief that another Chinese theater is to be built in their vicinity, and asking, if an application should be forwarded me for that purpose, that I would refuse the same. I do not think that I would be authorized to stop the work upon a building that is being erected upon private property, so long as it is constructed after plans and specifications that have been duly approved in accordance with law.

"3rd. It is customary to submit the application for a license for a public show (where the performance or the surroundings are of a questionable character) to the Marshal, and, without his approval endorsed upon the same, a license is refused."

The bill relating to appeal bonds was taken up for second reading with report of the Judiciary Committee. The amendments were adopted and the bil! passed, to be read a third time tomorrow.

A message from the Senate transmitted three bills that had passed third reading in that chamber. On motion of Rep. Robertson they were read a first time by title. The first was to repeal previous legislation regarding ocean cables. Referred to Judiciary Committee.

The second was to repeal the law relating to the passage of agricultural railways over the lands of others.

Rep. Hanuna moved the rules be suspended and the bill be put on second reading.

Rep. Robertson wanted to be sure the bill was correct before passing it.

kep. Winston moved it be referred to the Judiciary Committee. Carried.

The third was a bill relating te waterways over the lands of others. On motion of Rep. Bone the bill was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Speaker Naone said the President had received some joint resolutions which had not yet been translated.

Interpreter Wilcox said they could be translated in five minutes. Rep. Robertson, at 10:45.

moved the House to adjourn till 10 o'clock tomorrow. Carried. A lady's broad gold hair comb

is advertised for. Bring to the business office on King street and get reward. Customs officers found seventy-

five half-pounds tins of opium and two larger tins holding about four pounds each in the forward hold of the bark Velocity yesterday. The Cable poposition was not

ready to be introduced in the Senate, Minister Hatch stating that the delay was now caused by the copyists who would furnish type written copies for each member.

There will be a French dinner and dance at the Hawaiian hotel on Saturday evening. The entertainment will be in the nature of a welcome to incoming visitors by the Australia, and outgoing friends by the Belgic.

On Monday morning next at 16 o' clock auctioneer Morgan will sell without reserve at the store on C. E. Williams & Son Steinway grand piano, one Fisher upright piano, showcases, furniture, pictures and other articles described in our advertising columns.

The farewell social given to Messrs Ziegermeier and McVay on board toe Bennington was a very pleasant affair. Some fifty visitors spent the evening in boat riding, inspecting the ship and dancing to the music of the Kawaihau Club. Refreshments were